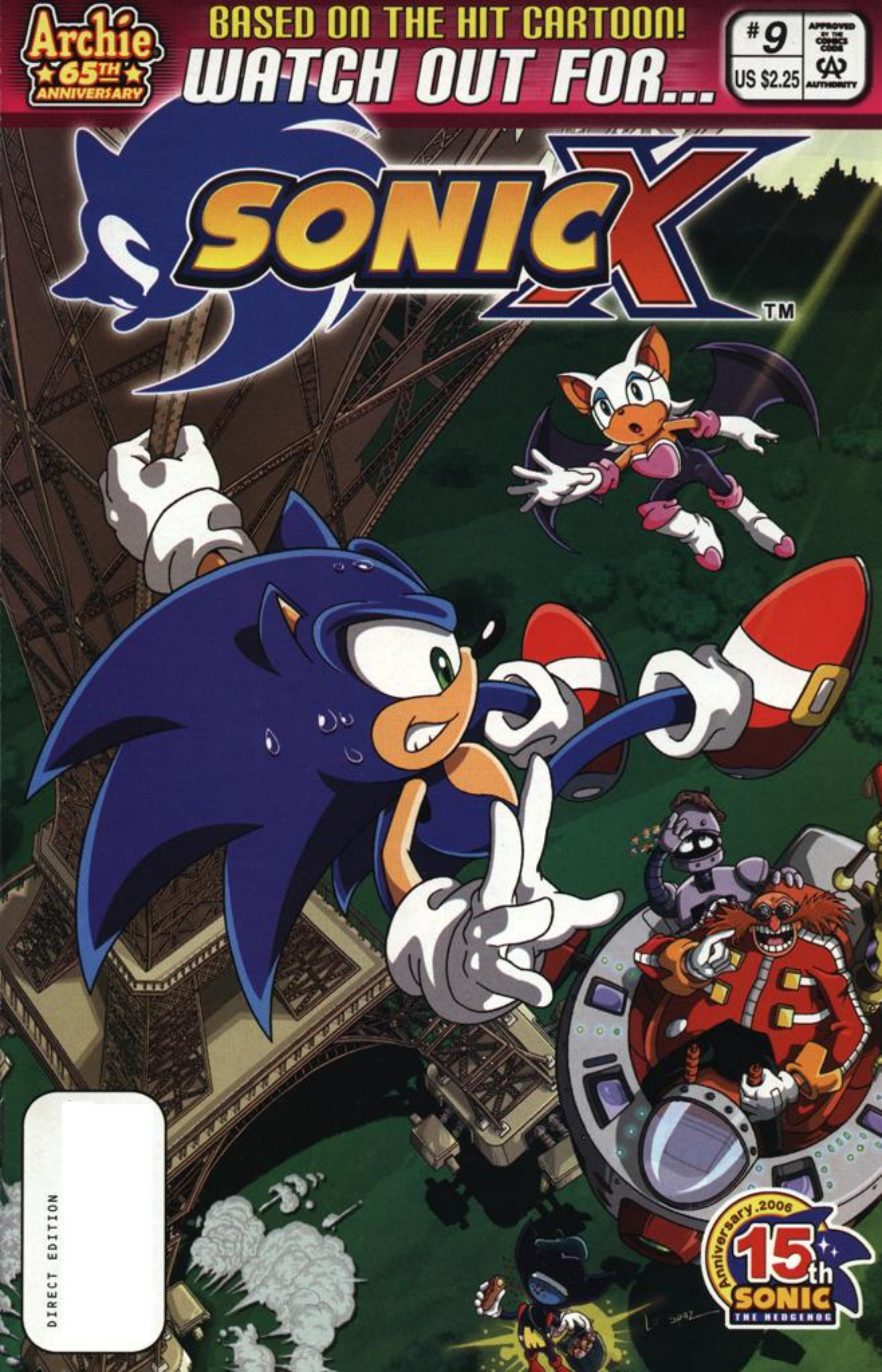


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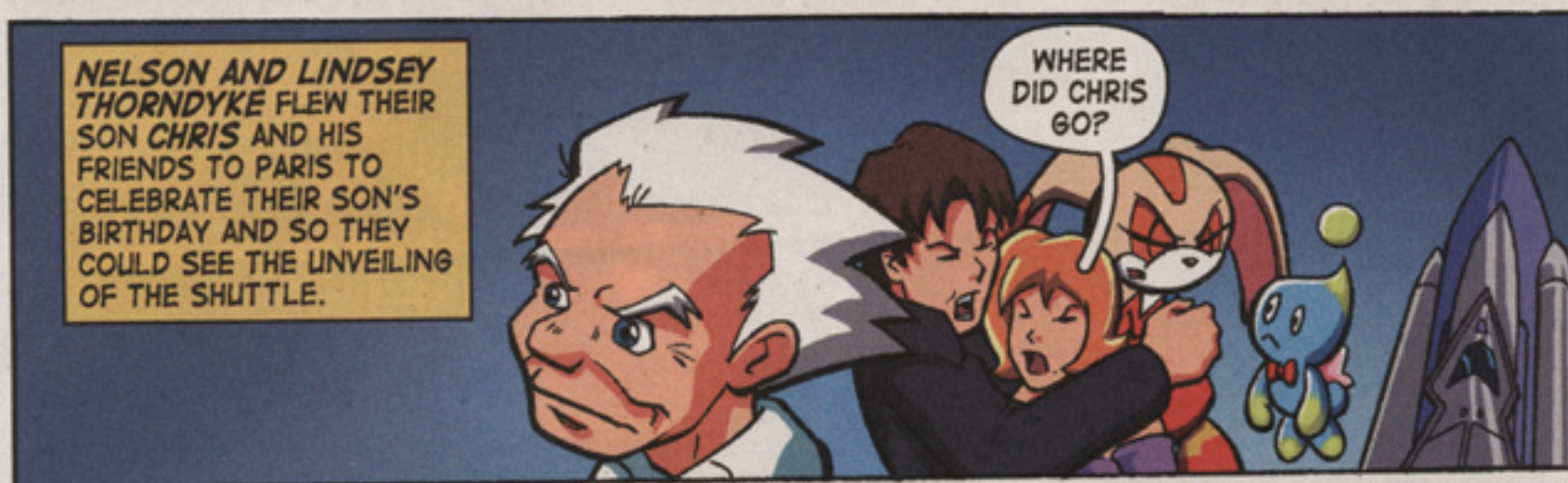
SCANT MOMENTS AGO, **DR. EGGMAN** BROUGHT SEVERAL ATTRACTIONS TO LIFE AT THE **WORLD'S FAIR IN PARIS, FRANCE**, CAUSING THE CROWDS TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS SCHEME TO **STEAL THE NEW THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES SPACE SHUTTLE** THAT WAS BEING INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC.



NELSON AND LINDSEY THORNDYKE FLEW THEIR SON **CHRIS** AND HIS FRIENDS TO PARIS TO CELEBRATE THEIR SON'S BIRTHDAY AND SO THEY COULD SEE THE UNVEILING OF THE SHUTTLE.

WHERE DID CHRIS GO?



CHRIS, THORNDYKE FAMILY BUTLER MR. TANAKA, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AMY ROSE (ALSO A HEDGEHOG, FOR THOSE KEEPING TRACK), **TAILS THE FOX**, GOVERNMENT AGENTS **TOPAZ & ROUGE THE BAT**, AND **BIG THE CAT**, CHASED DR. EGGMAN INTO THE HALL OF MIRRORS.

THANK GOODNESS WE LOST THAT **BIG, DUMB CAT!**

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE PUNCHES THE BOSS IN THE NOSE AGAIN!

FEAH NOD! I STILL GUHD A CUPPL SIRPRIZZES UP MU SLIV!

OR HE PUNCHES ONE OF US!

HUH?

PRESS!



SIRPRIZZES!
SIRPRIZZES UP
MU SLIV!

AND WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON,
DR. EGGMAN BRINGS THE
SCRAMBLER RIDE TO LIFE, HIS EVIL
DEVICES CAUSING IT TO GROW TO
MONSTROUS PROPORTIONS!

AS DR. EGGMAN SET HIS
SIRPRIZZES...*er...* **SURPRISES**, INTO
MOTION, SONIC SEARCHES FOR THE
ROTUND RAPSCALLION...

I CAN'T
TELL WHAT'S
REAL AND
WHAT'S A
REFLECTION
IN HERE!

EGGMAN!

GIVE UP NOW
AND SAVE YOURSELF
SOME PAIN!

ALL RIGHT! IF
YOU WANT A
FIGHT, I'LL GIVE
YOU A FIGHT!

...
MUST NOT
ALLOW MASTER
TO BE HARMED!
...

...
THE BLUE
ONE MUST BE
DESTROYED!
...

THIS **MYSTERIOUS STRANGER** FOLLOWED AGENTS
ROUGE AND TOPAZ FROM STATION SQUARE TO PARIS.
WHO IS HE? WHAT DOES HE WANT?

EVEN **HE** DOESN'T KNOW, BUT
WHEN HE SAW DR. EGGMAN FOR
THE FIRST TIME, HE KNEW HE
HAD TO PROTECT HIS "MASTER"
AT ALL COSTS.

SO WHO CAN SAVE
SONIC NOW?

AND WHY ARE WE
ASKING YOU?

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I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT!

IT WAS JUST A REFLECTION OF EGGMAN!



... MUST PROTECT MASTER ...

... MUST PROTECT SELF ...

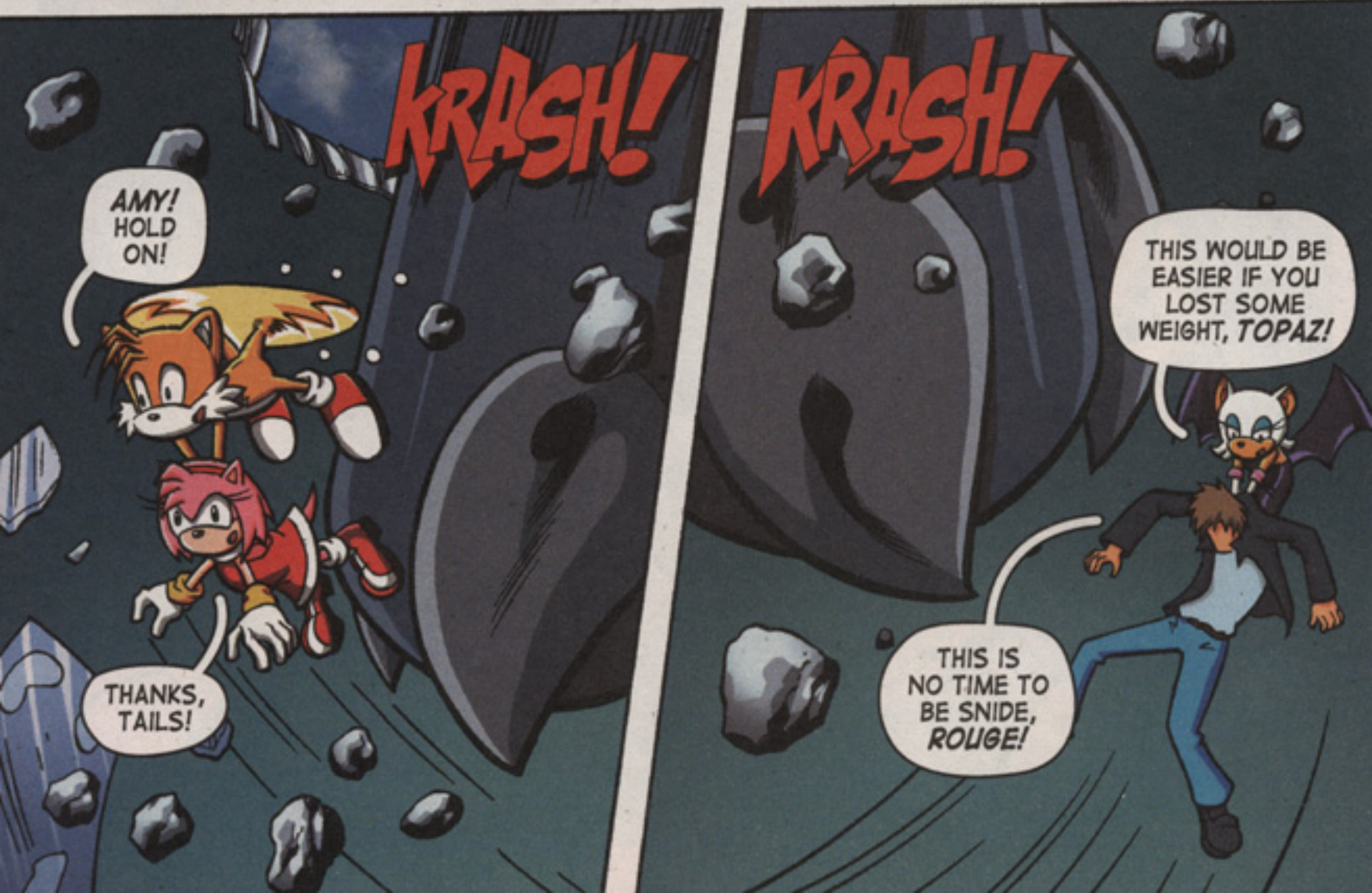
NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT EGGMAN! I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS THING!

SONIC LAUNCHES INTO *SUPERSPIN*, ATTACKING THE LEG OF THE ANIMATED SCRAMBLER.



... PROCESSING OPPONENT'S ABILITIES ...

KLANG!



AMY! HOLD ON!

THANKS, TAILS!

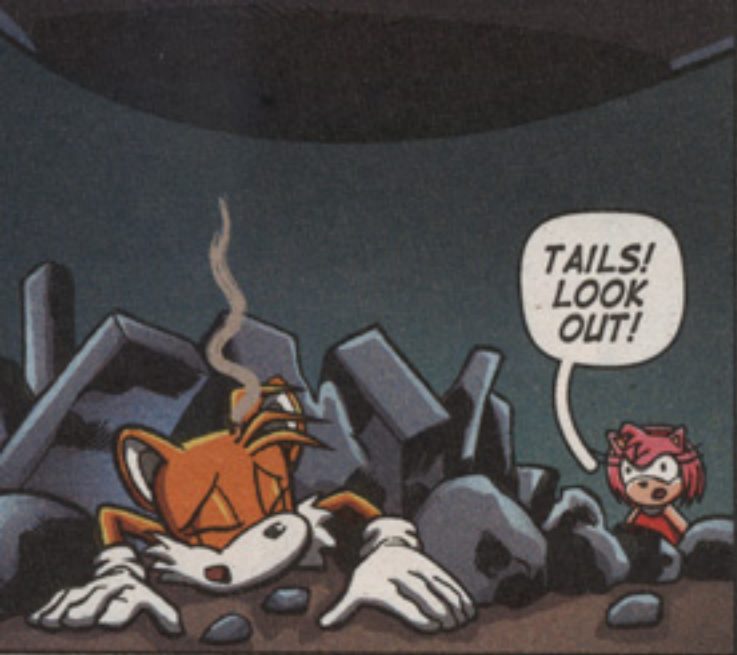
KRASH!

KRASH!

THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU LOST SOME WEIGHT, TOPAZ!

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SNIDE, ROUGE!







MR. TANAKA?

MASTER CHRIS! YOU ARE ALL RIGHT! THANK THE SPIRITS OF OUR ANCESTORS!



WHAT HAPPENED?

ONE OF EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED THE HALL OF MIRRORS.



WHERE ARE WE?

AND WHAT'S THAT TERRIBLE SMELL?

DON'T LOOK AT ME!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE OLD SEWER UNDER PARIS.



WE MUST HAVE FALLEN THROUGH ITS CEILING WHEN THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKED.

MISS TOPAZ! I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE SAFE.

WHAT AM I? FOOL'S GOLD?



HI, EVERYBODY.

HI, BIG. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE.

SHOULDN'T WE BE CONCENTRATING ON GETTING OUT OF HERE?



THE CEILING CAVED IN. I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT.

ANY IDEAS?

LET'S YELL. MAYBE SOMEONE WILL HEAR US.

HELP!

IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE **BELOW** US.

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKS AGAIN.



GIMME A RING, TAILS.

YOU GOT IT, SONIC!



I'LL PLOW THROUGH THE RUBBLE. YOU GUYS HELP THE OTHERS OUT.

...
RING PROVIDES
ADVERSARY WITH
ADDITIONAL
POWER
...



...
RING PROVIDES
ADVERSARY WITH
ADDITIONAL
POWER
...



SONIC!

PEEEUUU!
IT **STINKS**
DOWN HERE.

AMY AND
TAILS WILL
HELP YOU
GET OUT OF
THIS HOLE.



I'M GONNA
DEAL WITH THE
SCRAMBLER!



...
ADVERSARY POSES
GREATER THREAT
TO MASTER WHEN
IN POSSESSION
OF RING
...

GO GET
'EM,
GUYS!

...
ADVERSARY
CAN FLY.
...
DUPLICATING
ADVERSARY'S
ABILITIES NOW
...

...
MUST TAKE RING
FROM ADVERSARY
...

...
MUST NOT
ALLOW ANY
HARM TO COME
TO MASTER
...

...
THIS DEVICE POSES
IMMEDIATE THREAT
TO MASTER
...

...
MUST DEAL WITH
BLUE ONE LATER
...

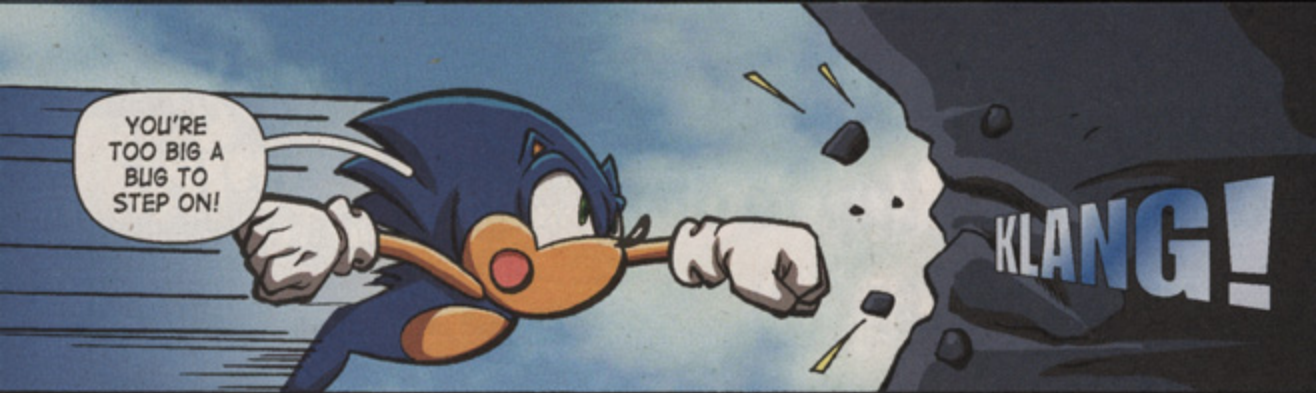
NHEE NHEE
NHEE NHEE!

THE SHUDDLE
IS AHS GUHD
AHS MEYENN!

WHAT DID
HE SAY?

YUM!
YUM!
YUM!

DON'T
ASK—JUST
RUN!



YOU'RE TOO BIG A BUG TO STEP ON!

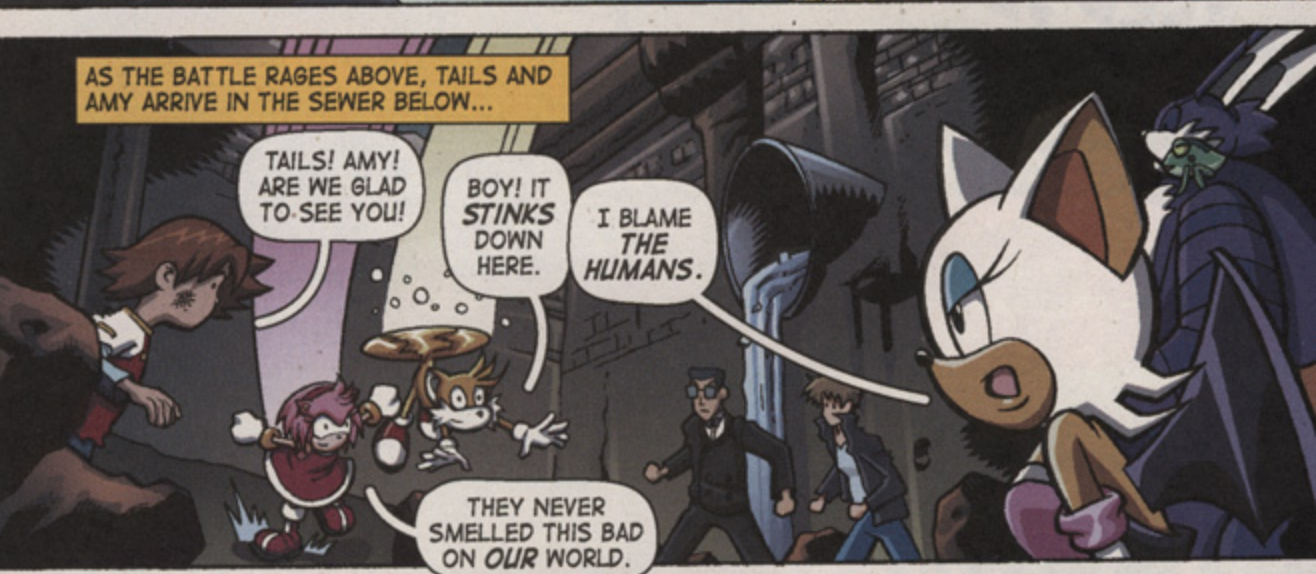
KLANG!



KLANG!

...
MIMICKING BLUE
ONE'S ABILITIES
...

...
TO DEFEAT
BLUE ONE,
MUST
OBSERVE AND
REPLICATE
ALL OF HIS
ABILITIES
...



AS THE BATTLE RAGES ABOVE, TAILS AND AMY ARRIVE IN THE SEWER BELOW...

TAILS! AMY!
ARE WE GLAD
TO-SEE YOU!

BOY! IT
STINKS
DOWN
HERE.

I BLAME
THE
HUMANS.

THEY NEVER
SMELLED THIS BAD
ON *OUR* WORLD.

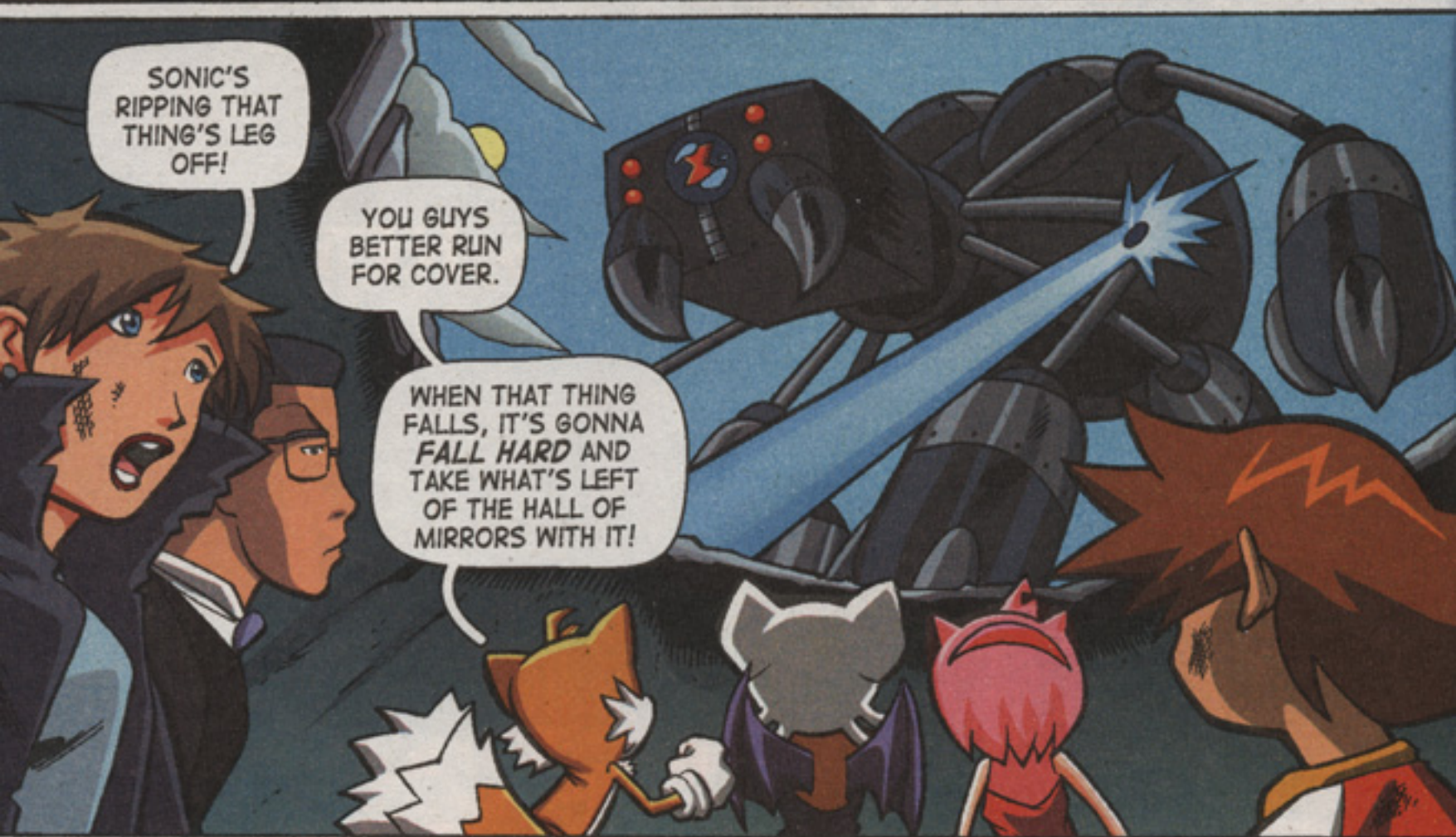


COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT OF HERE *BEFORE*
THE ROOF COLLAPSES
ON OUR HEADS!



WHAT
ABOUT
FROGGY
AND ME?

WE'LL
COME
BACK FOR
YOU!



IT FEELS LIKE THE
RING'S POWER IS
WEARING OFF!

I'VE GOT TO
WRAP THIS UP
FAST!

...
BLUE ONE IS STRONGER THAN I
RING AMPLIFIES HIS STRENGTH
...
WHERE DOES TWO-TAILED
ONE GET RINGS?
...

COME ON,
EVERYBODY!
LIFT!

WE'RE NOT
STRONG
ENOUGH!

THAT'S
OKAY, GUYS.
YOU CAN
LEAVE ME
HERE.

FROGGY AND I
WILL THINK OF
SOMETHING!

RIBBIT!

FROGGY!
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING?!

RIBBIT!
RIBBIT!

WHOA!

WHO WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT IT WAS
THE FROG WHO
WAS SO HEAVY?

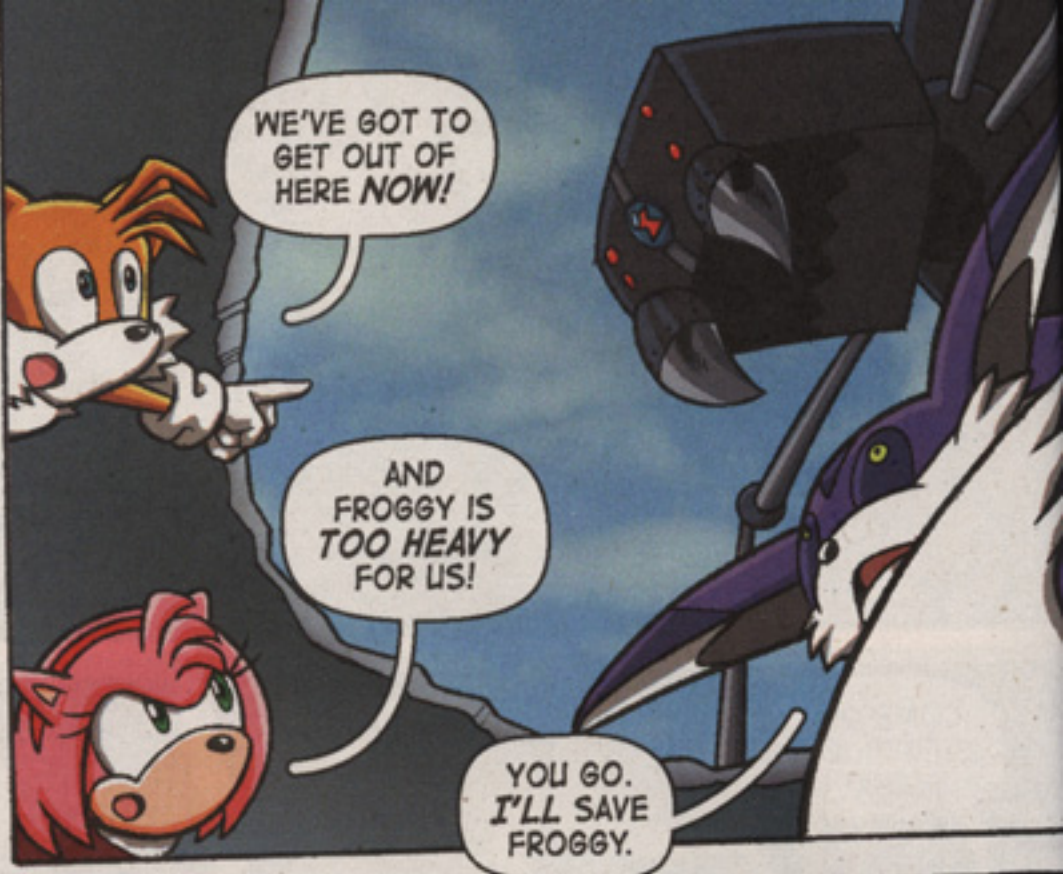
WHAT
ABOUT
FROGGY?

WHIFT!



HOPEFULLY
HE CAN FIND
HIS OWN
WAY OUT.

I WON'T
LEAVE
WITHOUT
HIM!



WE'VE GOT TO
GET OUT OF
HERE NOW!

AND
FROGGY IS
TOO HEAVY
FOR US!

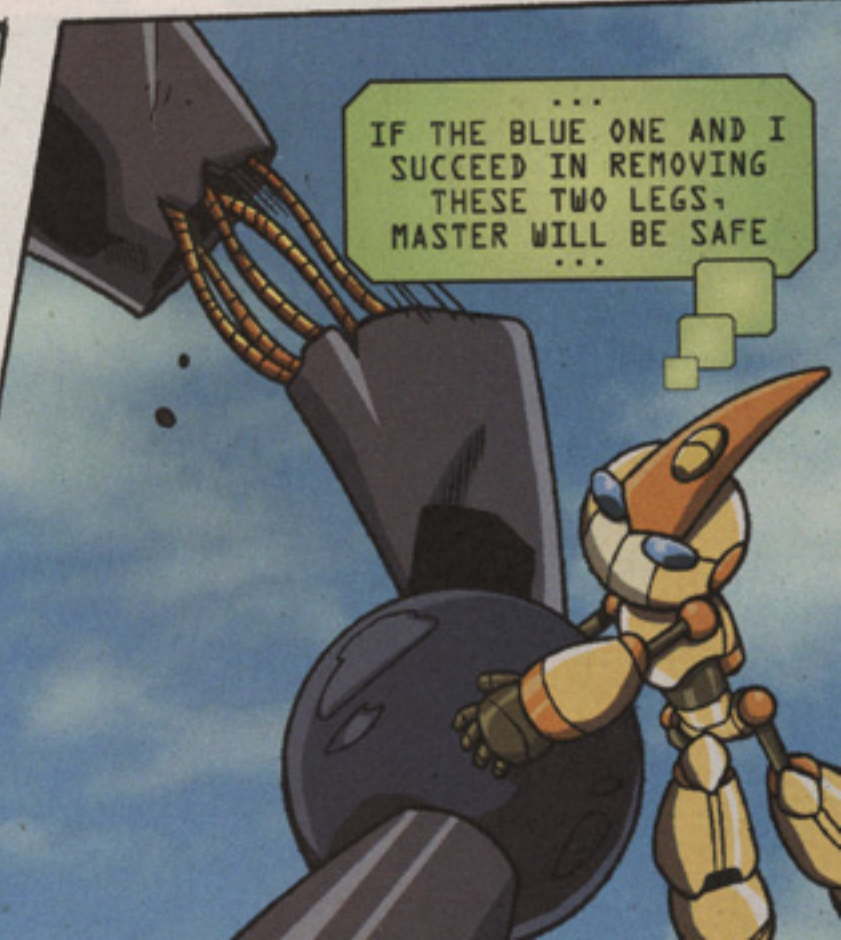
YOU GO.
I'LL SAVE
FROGGY.



GRAB HOLD
OF THE
FISHING
LINE,
FROGGY!



THE SCRAMBLER'S
LOSING ITS
BALANCE...



...
IF THE BLUE ONE AND I
SUCCEED IN REMOVING
THESE TWO LEGS,
MASTER WILL BE SAFE
...

ELSEWHERE, DR. EGGMAN AND HIS MINIONS ARE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL.

THERE ID
IZZ! MUH
LILDIMATT
GUHL!

WHAT
DID HE
SAY?

HEH HEH. READ
THE CAPTION
BOX, DECOE.

CAPTION BOX?
WHAT IS BOKKUN
TALKING ABOUT,
BOCOE?

IGNORE HIM.
HE'S HAD TOO
MUCH SUGAR
AND HE'S
IMAGINING
THINGS.

BUT BEFORE THEY CAN GET TO THE SHUTTLE, THE THORNDYKES, CREAM, AND CHEESE STEP OUT OF HIDING!

STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING?

BAH! I'M GOING
DO DAKE THE
SHUTTLE AND YOU
GAN'T DOP ME!

WHAT?

WHY IS
DR. EGGMAN
SPEAKING THAT
WAY?

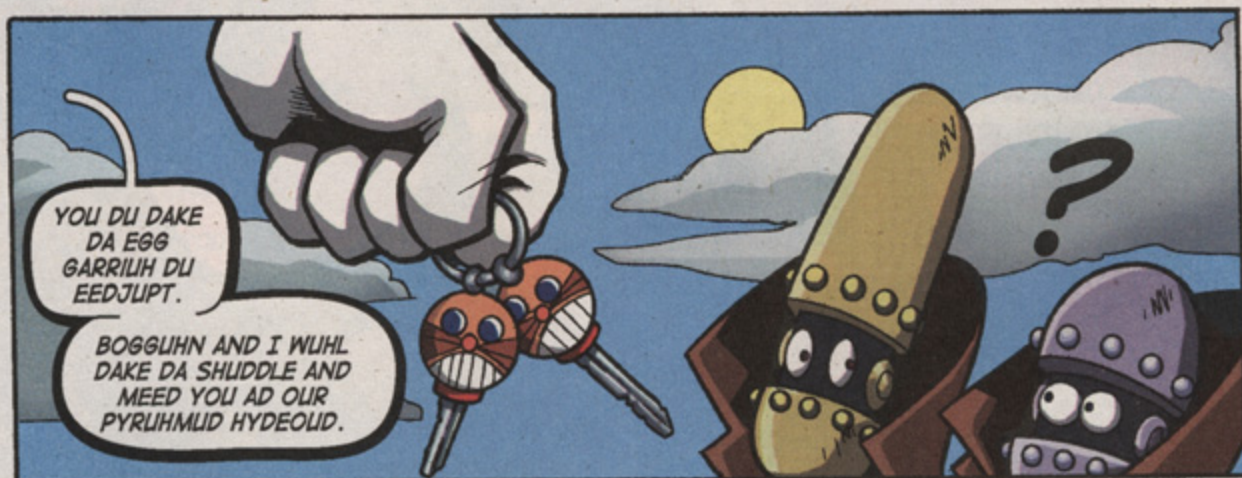
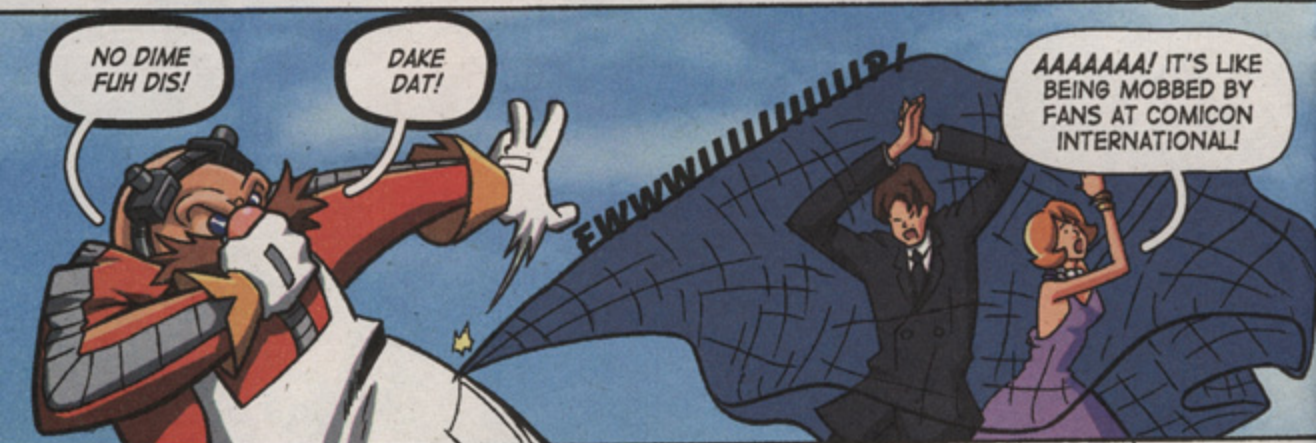
WHEEEEE!
HE WAS PUNCHED
IN THE NOSE BY
A GIANT CAT.

NOW IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE US,
WE'RE GOING
TO STEAL THE
SHUTTLE.

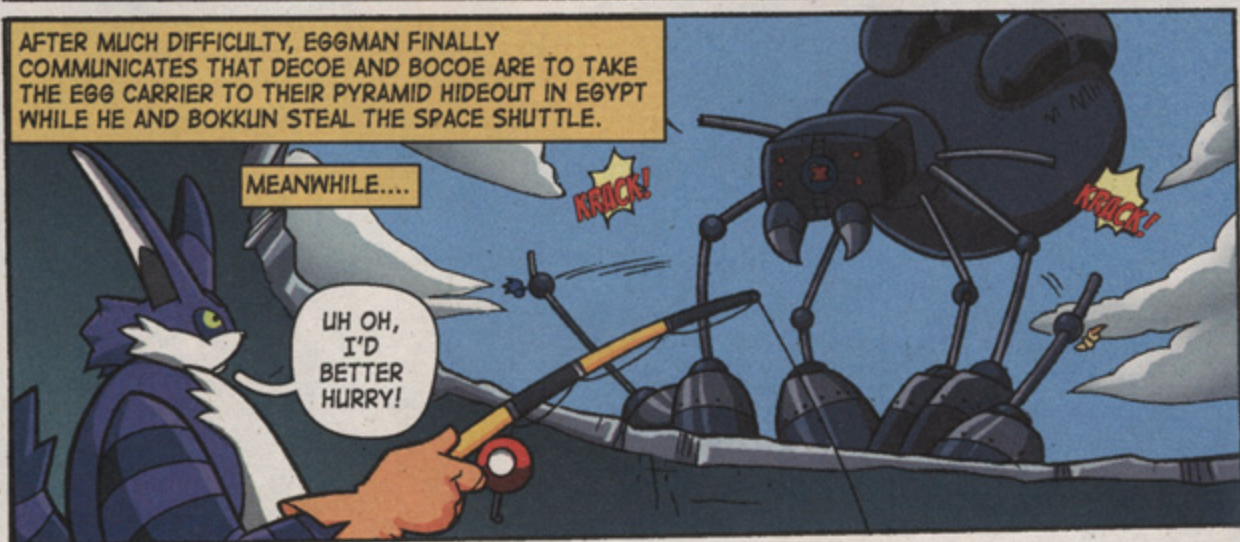
NO, I
WON'T
EXCUSE
YOU!

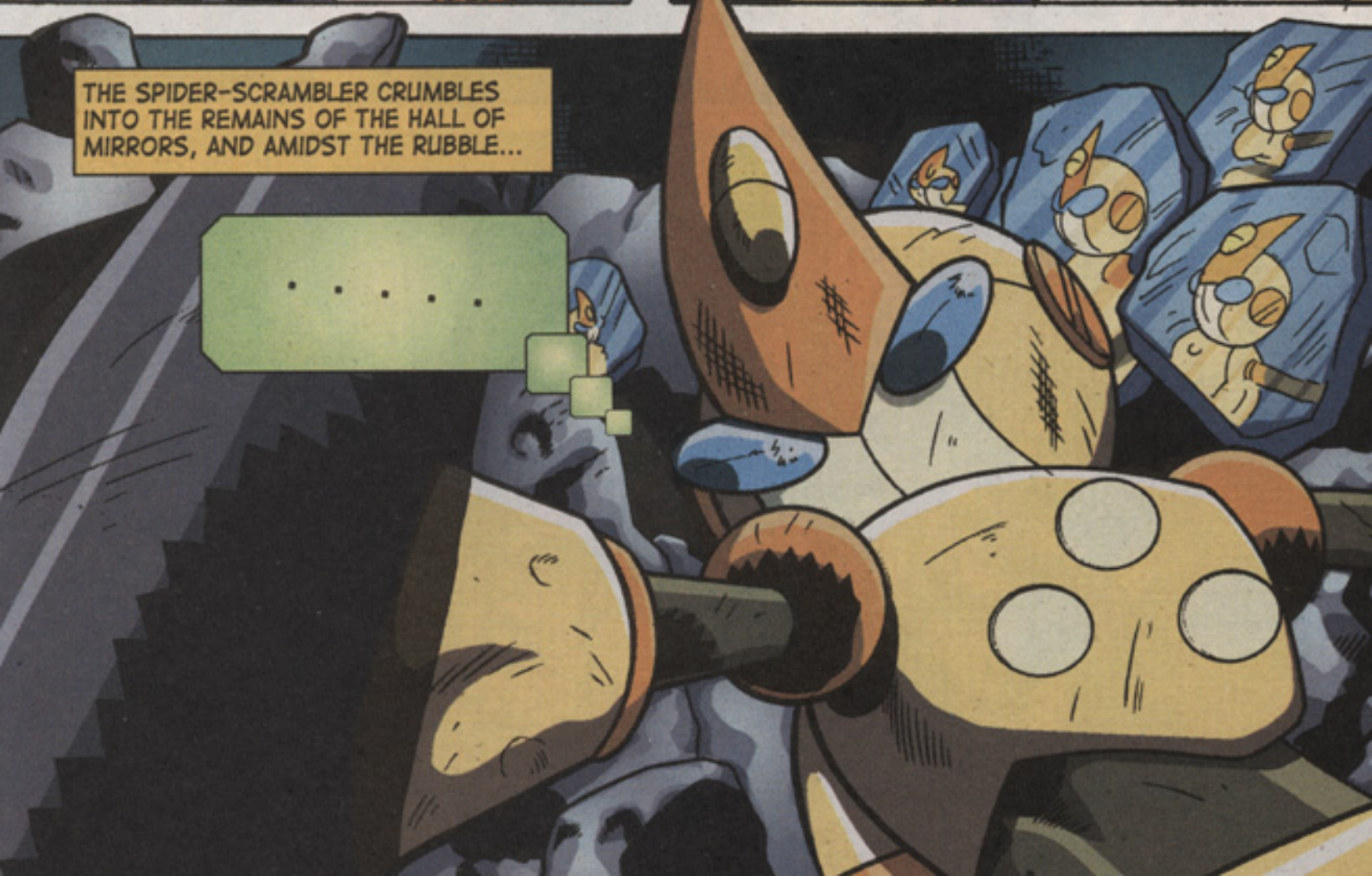
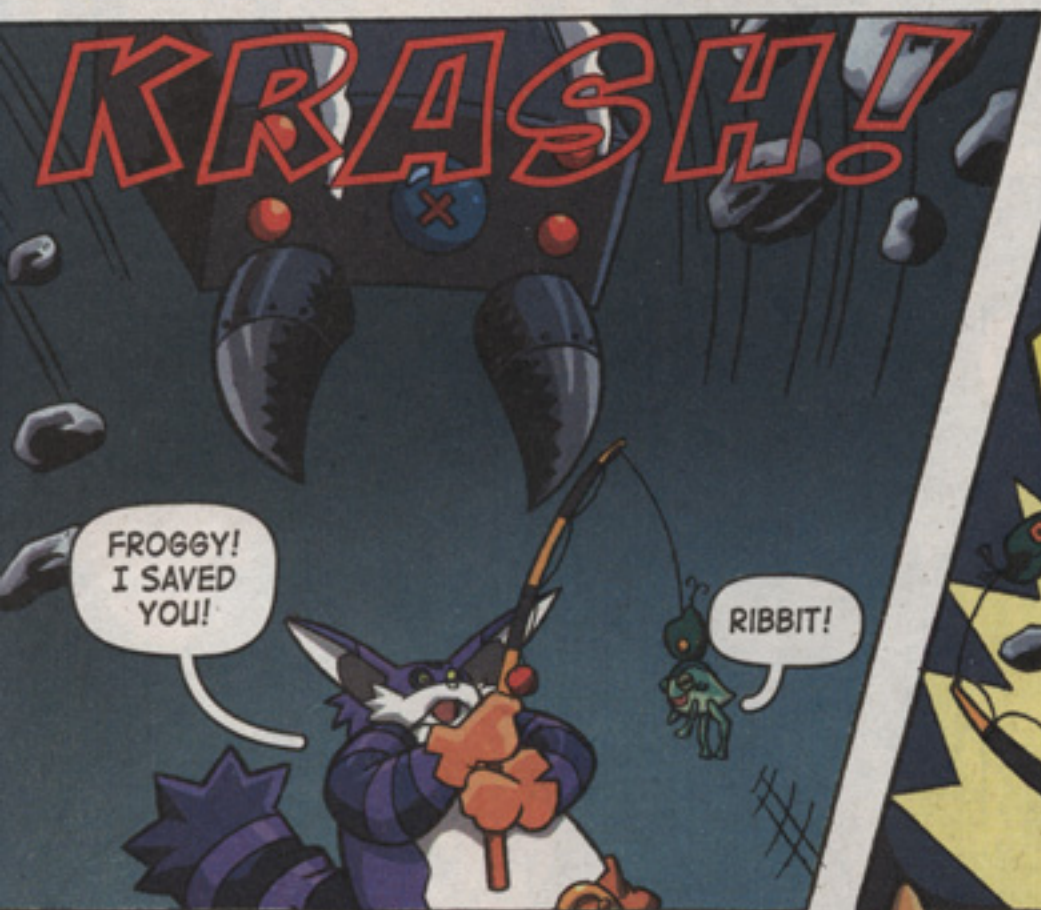
STAND BACK
OR I'LL
PUNCH YOU IN
THE NOSE
MYSELF!

UH, LINDSEY,
DEAR—THIS
ISN'T ONE OF
YOUR ACTION
MOVIES!

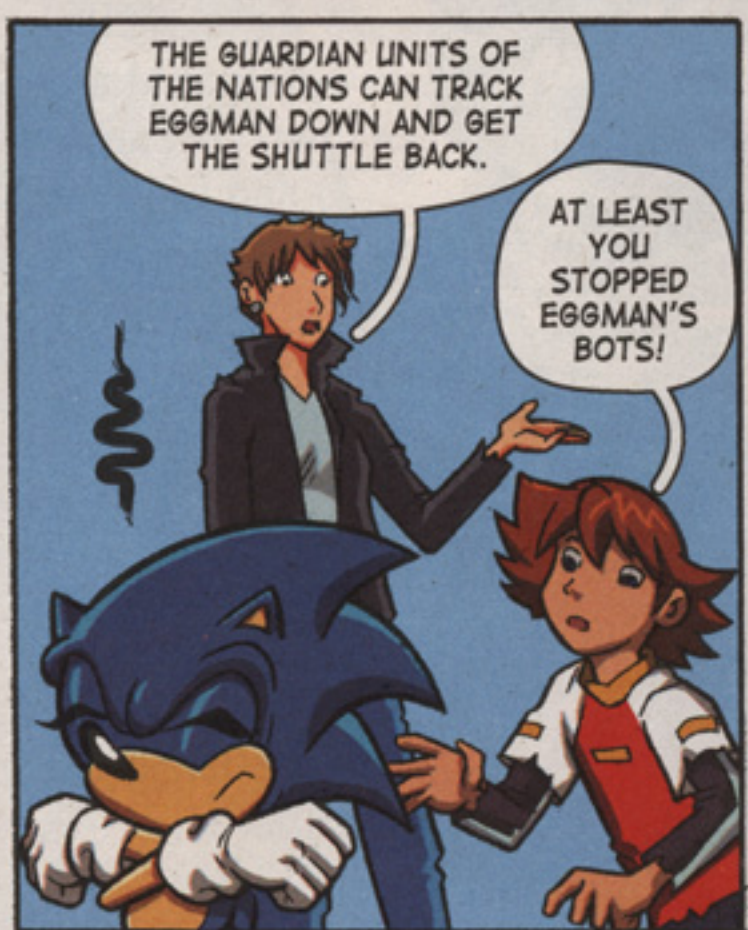


AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY, EGGMAN FINALLY COMMUNICATES THAT DECOE AND BOCOE ARE TO TAKE THE EGG CARRIER TO THEIR PYRAMID HIDEOUT IN EGYPT WHILE HE AND BOKKUN STEAL THE SPACE SHUTTLE.









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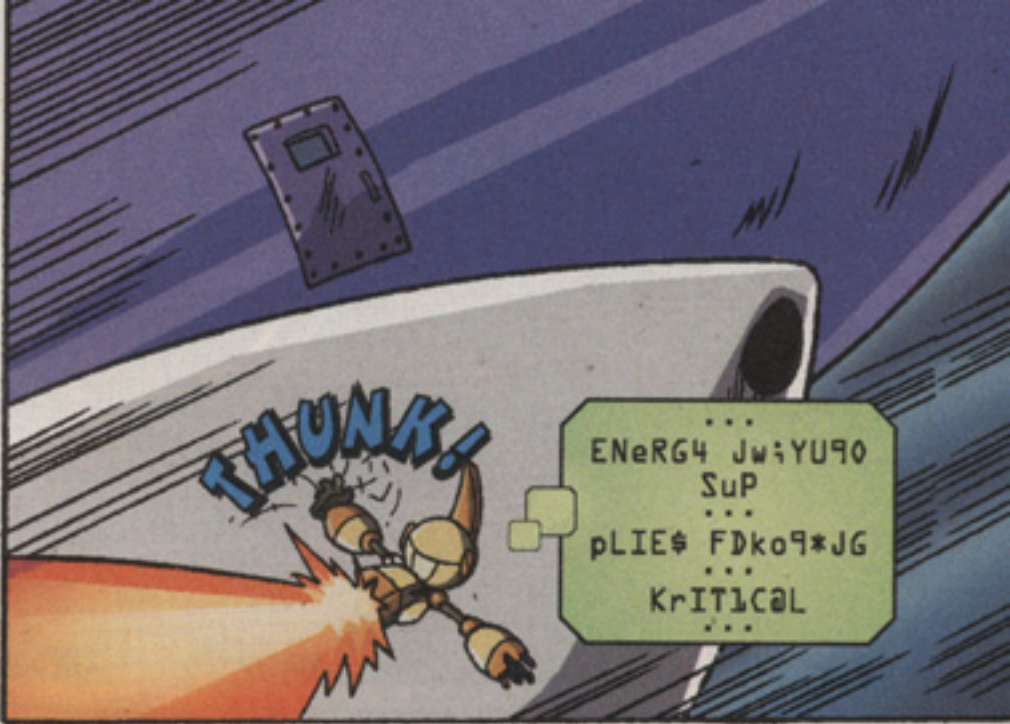
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...
MaS H4rTFH
T3Rzzz!
...



THUNK!

...
ENeRG4 Jw4YU90
SuP
...
pLIE# FDko9*JG
KrITlCAl
...



WHAT
WAS THAT
NOISE?

YOU'RE
IHMAHGINING
THIHNGS,
BOKKUHN.



...
*h3Lp%
)0*(
Me!
...



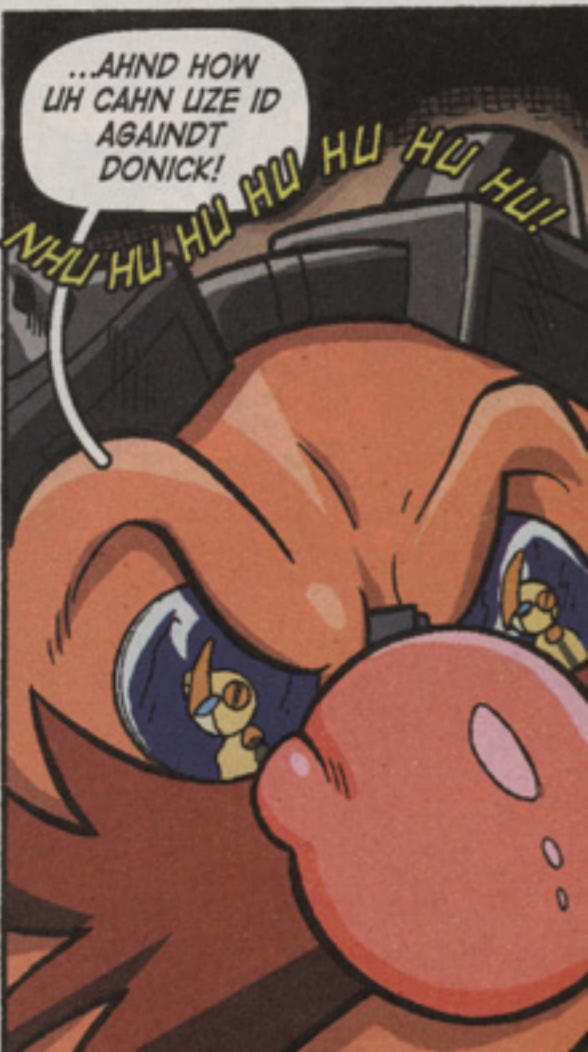
...
DOcTOR
rOB0tNlK
#AVE M3!
...

HEY!
WHY DID THAT
THING CALL YOU
"DR. ROBOTNIK?"

WHAT IS IT?
WHERE DID IT
COME FROM?

UH DUN'T
KNOW,
BUHKOON!

BUHD WHEN
WE GEHD DO
EGYPD, UH WILL
DISMANDLE ID
AND FIND OLD
WHUD ID IZ...



...AHND HOW
UH CAHN UZE ID
AGAINDT
DONICK!

NHU HU HU HU HU HU HU!

BACK AT THE
WORLD'S FAIR...

DO YOU FEEL
THE *EARTH*
MOVING?

THIS
CAN'T BE
GOOD
NEWS.

SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

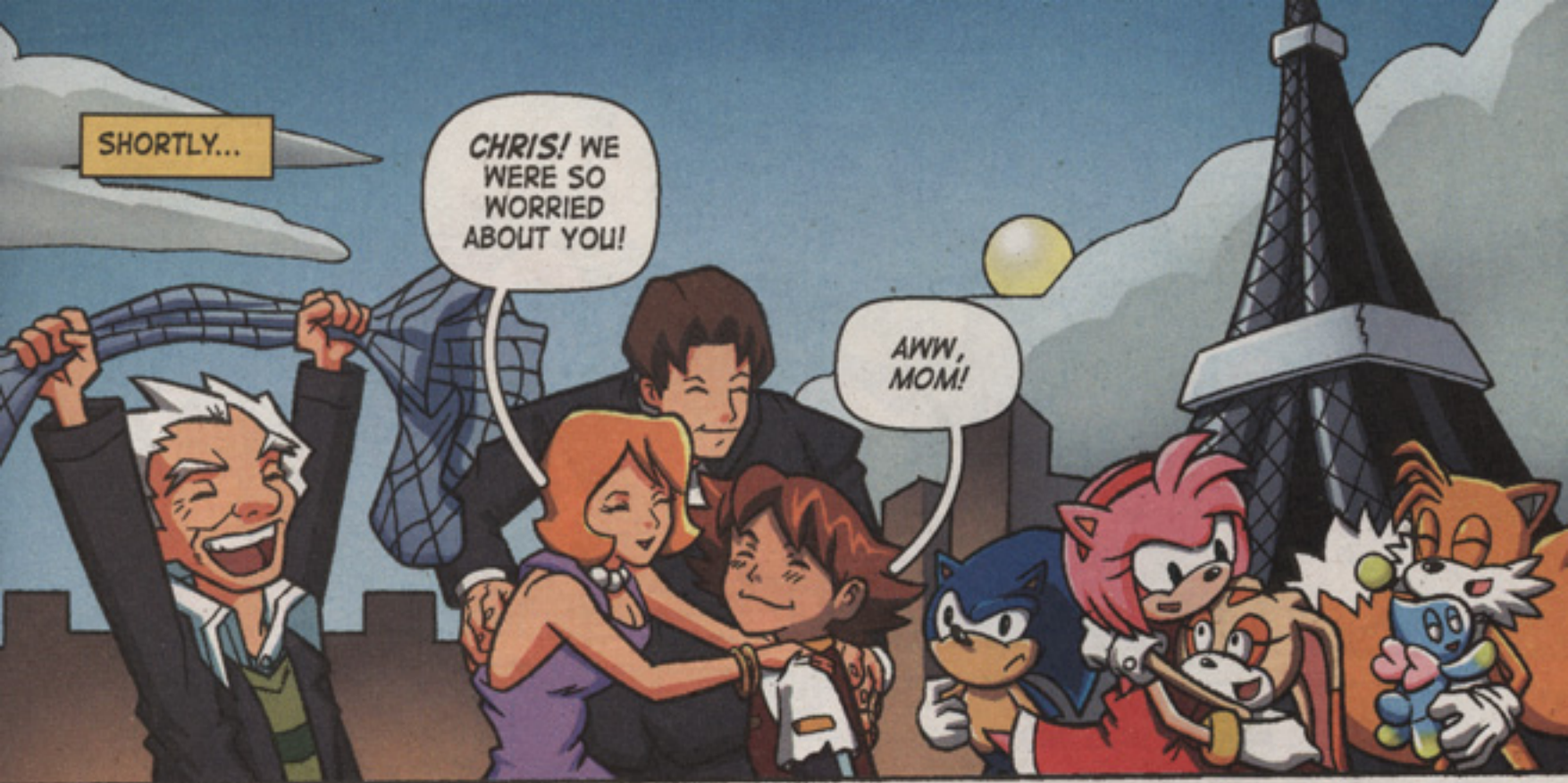
KRAASH!!

WHOA!

THE
SCRAMBLER'S
FALLING INTO
THE SEWER!

THANK
GOODNESS
NO ONE
WAS LEFT
DOWN
THERE!

C'MON, GUYS!
WE'VE GOT TO
FIND MY MOM
AND DAD AND
MAKE SURE
THEY'RE OKAY!



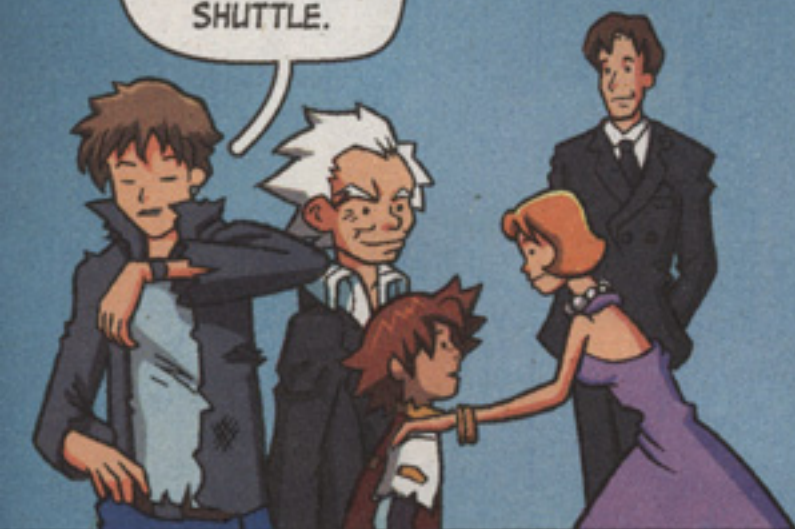
SHORTLY...

CHRIS! WE
WERE SO
WORRIED
ABOUT YOU!

AWW,
MOM!

AS THE HAPPY REUNION CONTINUES,
TOPAZ FINISHES HER REPORT TO
CAPTAIN WESTWOOD AT G.U.N. H.Q.
IN WASHINGTON, D.C...

...AND EGGMAN
ESCAPED WITH
THE THORNDYKE
SHUTTLE.

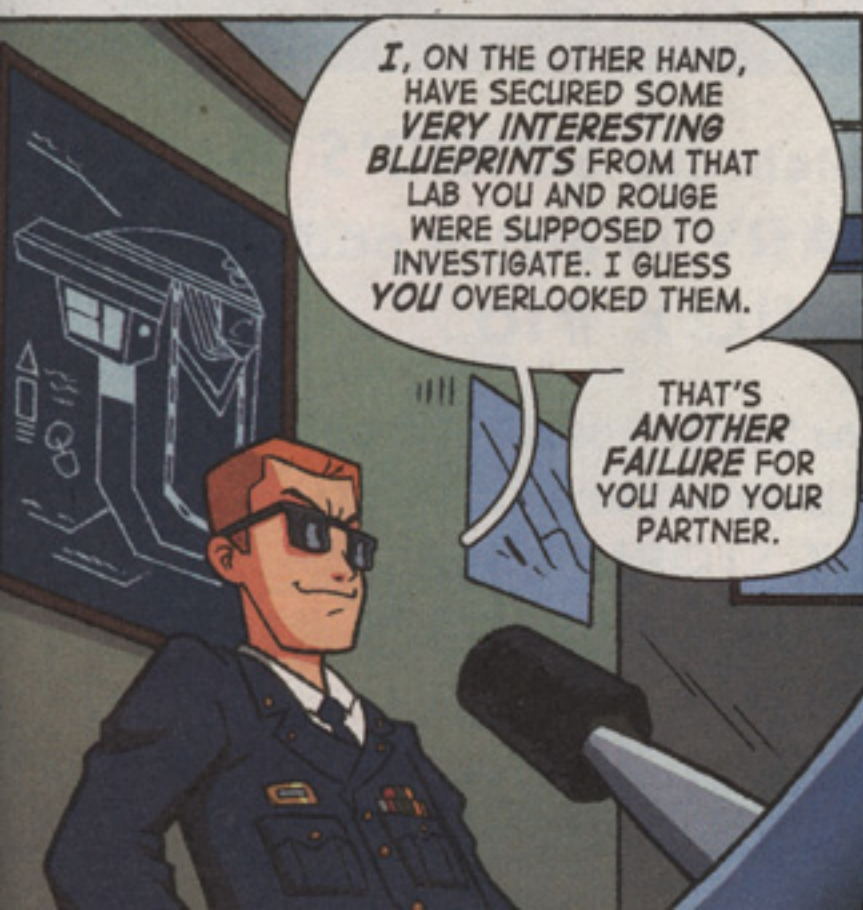


THAT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING,
AGENT TOPAZ. I'M SURE THE
PRESIDENT WILL BE DISPLEASED
WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE.



I, ON THE OTHER HAND,
HAVE SECURED SOME
VERY INTERESTING
BLUEPRINTS FROM THAT
LAB YOU AND ROUGE
WERE SUPPOSED TO
INVESTIGATE. I GUESS
YOU OVERLOOKED THEM.

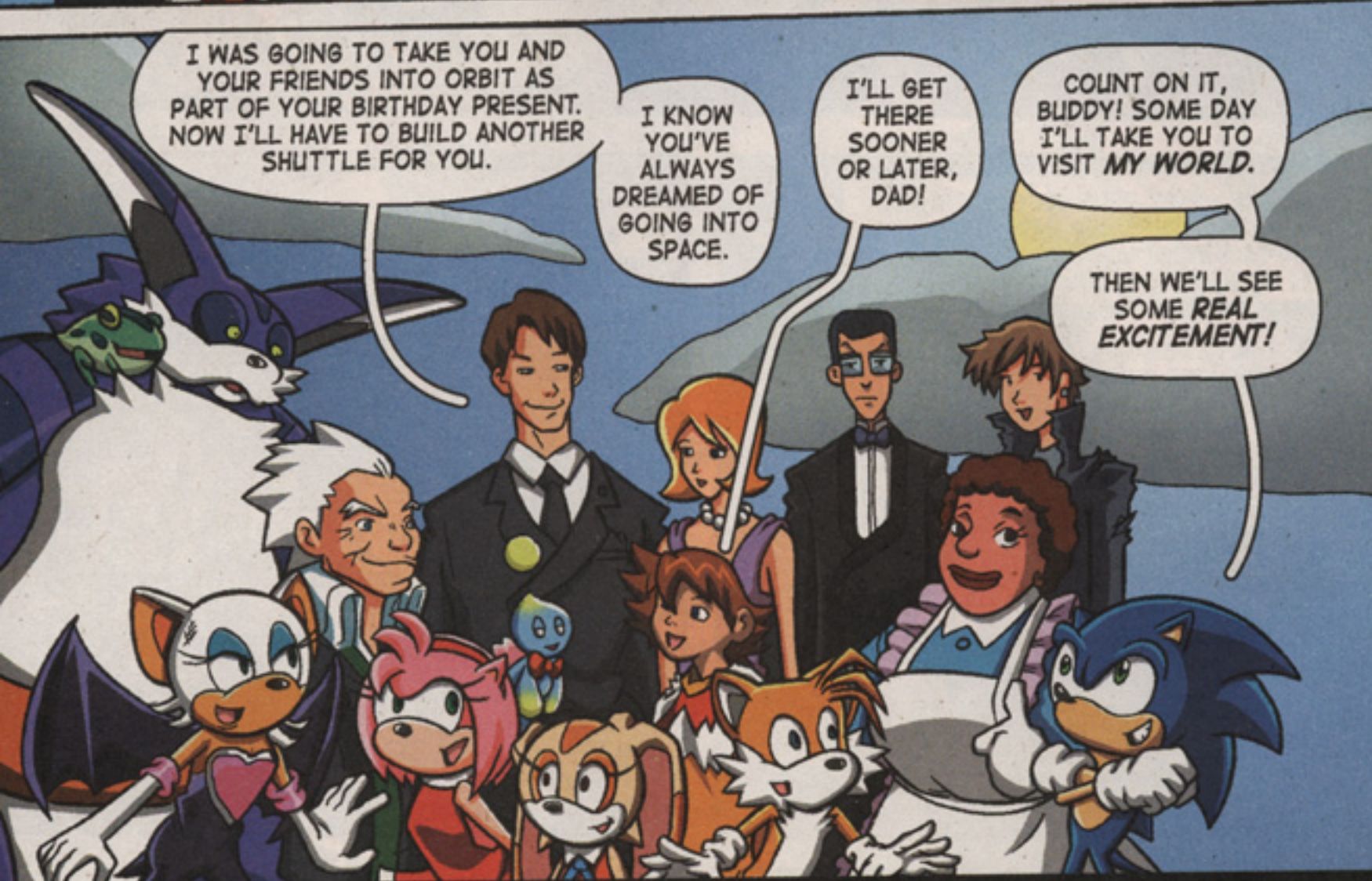
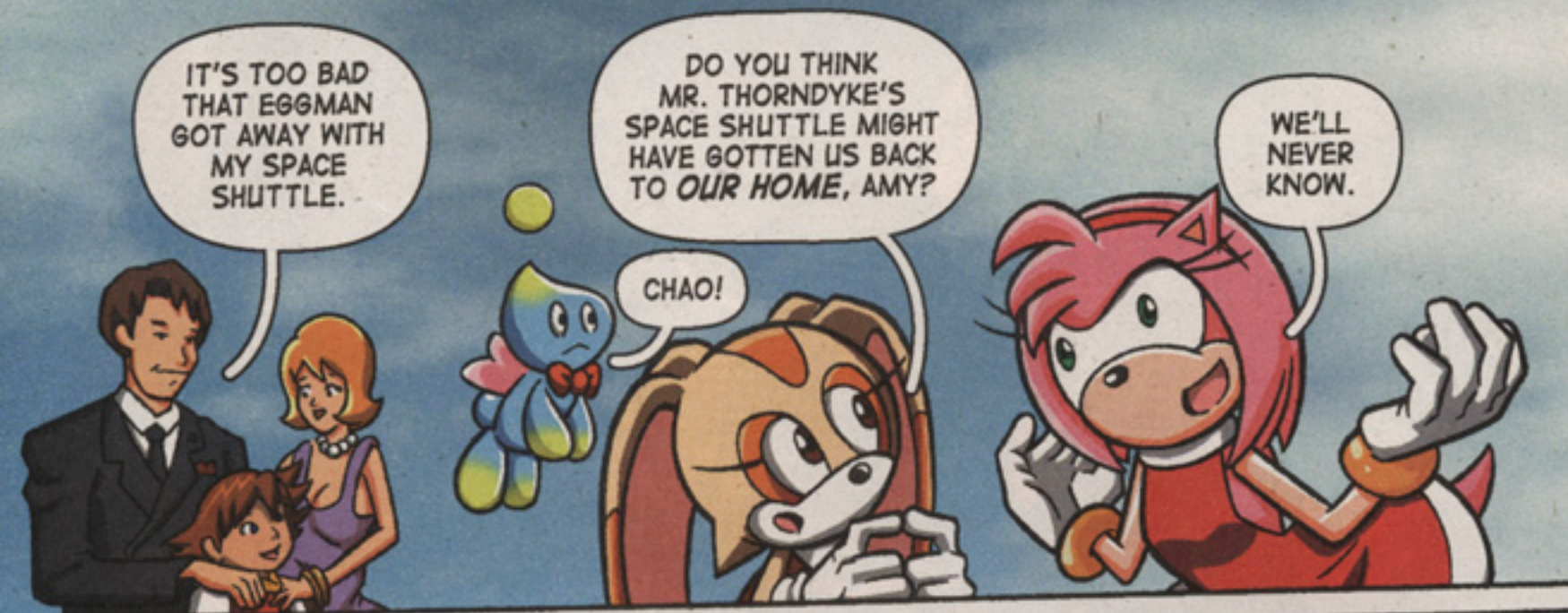
THAT'S
ANOTHER
FAILURE FOR
YOU AND YOUR
PARTNER.



WE'LL DISCUSS THE FACT
THAT YOU **DISOBEYED** MY
DIRECT ORDER TO RETURN
TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY
WHEN YOU **DO** GET BACK.
WESTWOOD OUT.

WHAT A
SMUG
JERK!





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